REMARKS

In the office action dated June 28, 2004, the examiner rejected claim 1-2, 8-12 and 16 and objected to claim 4 and 13. The examiner stated that claims 4 and 13 would be allowable if re-written in independent form. Without acquiescing to any of the examiner's rejections to claims 1-2, 8-12 and 16 under 35 USC 102 and 103, Applicants have cancelled claims 1 and 8, as well as previously withdrawn claims 3, 5-7 and 14-15, and re-wrote claims 4 and 13 as independent claims including all of the limitations of claims 1 and 8, respectively, and amended claims 2, 9-12 and 16 to depend from claims 4 and 13, respectively.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully asserts the application is in condition for allowance. Prompt and favorable action on the merits of the claims is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, the undersigned can be reached at (949) 567-6700.

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